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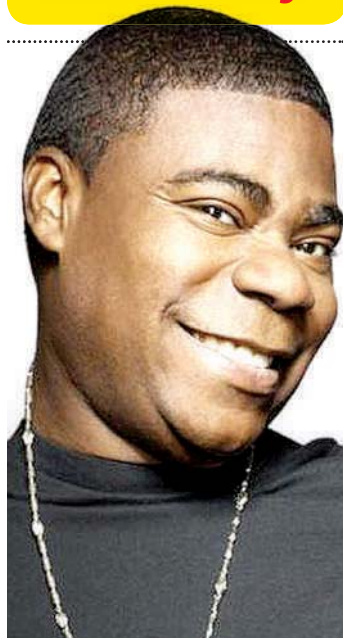
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SCIENCE

Also, Apples Make Apple Juice

Consuming caffeinated energy drinks with alcohol leads to more casual sex among U.S. college students, according to a new study by the Journal of Caffeine Research published online Monday. A third of students who drank caffeine and alcohol together were more likely to have sex with someone they weren't in love with, weren't exclusive with or didn't know very well, researchers found. (EXPRESS)

“He leaves his underwear out now. But that’s not a problem. We can deal with anything that comes our way.”

— LENA HENDERSON, 85, OF BUFFALO, N.Y., TELLS “GOOD MORNING AMERICA” ABOUT HER SOON-TO-BE HUSBAND (AGAIN), ROLAND DAVIS, 85. THEY DIVORCED IN 1964.

MARKETING

PR Team Quickly Renames Ride ‘Icarus Mountain’

The newly built Superman Ultimate Flight roller coaster in northern California stalled 150 feet above ground Sunday, stranding a dozen riders for almost two hours at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, a park spokeswoman said. The Vallejo Times-Herald reported that firefighters arrived and used a crane to give water bottles to the riders. A park mechanic eventually restarted the ride, which went backward, allowing riders to disembark. (AP)

The Big Picture

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LADY GAGA CONTEMPLATES DRESS MADE OF BOOKS: Tilly Shiner flips through a book in the “aMAZEme” labyrinth Tuesday at the Southbank Centre in London. Brazilian artists Marcos Saboya and Gualter Pupo used 250,000 books to create the maze, which will be on display until Aug. 25. The public can wander through the installation and attend daily performances by literary figures.

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Two Sides Reach Spending Deal

Boehner, Reid agree to fund government through March

Washington

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., have reached a short-term spending deal that would remove the possibility of a government shutdown from the politically sensitive fall campaign season, the two announced Tuesday.

Under the agreement, Congress would agree to fund the government for six months when the fiscal year expires Sept. 30, setting agency spending for the year at \$1.047 trillion.

If approved, the deal will ensure that the government will keep operating without fuss when the year ends, a once-routine action that has become far more difficult amid Congress' gridlock. It was reached nearly two months early, an especially quick resolution that demonstrated that neither party savored a major budget showdown weeks before the November elections.

Fighting Words



"This agreement ... provides stability for the coming months, when we will have to resolve critical issues that directly affect middle class families. I hope that we can face the challenges ahead in the same spirit of compromise."

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID
ON THE SHORT-TERM SPENDING DEAL

"Taking this issue off the table will keep the larger focus on jobs, the economy and President Obama's failed economic policies. That's where Republicans win and Democrats lose."

A GOP LEADERSHIP AIDE WHO ASKED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED
SAYING THE DEAL WOULD PREVENT DISTRACTIONS

'Resolution'

The six-month funding bill, known as a "continuing resolution" in Washington parlance, punts a huge number of decisions into the lap of the next Congress and whoever inhabits the White House. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said more time was needed to draft it into legislation and it will not face votes in the House and Senate until September, after Congress returns from a six-week recess. (TWP/AP)

Democrats and the White House have insisted for months on the \$1.047 trillion level — a spending cap agreed to by both parties in last summer's deal to raise the nation's debt ceiling.

But some conservatives have chaffed, viewing the number as a maximum spending level and insisting that Congress should push actual spending for the year even lower. A budget for the full year outlined by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., set agency spending at \$1.028 trillion for the year.

Still, GOP leaders have suggested for months that they would ultimately agree to the higher level for at least a portion of the year to avoid a showdown. They are hoping to win the White House and control of the Senate in November and then use their new power to more dramatically reshape the budget.

They also argue that a six-month deal, lasting through March, would deny Democrats the chance to use the threat of a shutdown as leverage. ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

SAN FRANCISCO

Gay Marriage Opponents Appeal to Supreme Court

Backers of California's ban on same-sex marriages asked the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to overrule a federal appeals court that struck down the measure as unconstitutional, a move that means the bitter, four-year court fight over Proposition 8 could soon be resolved. If the high court declines to take the case, same-sex marriages could resume in California. (AP)

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Man Exonerated of Rape Is Charged in Shooting

A Florida man who spent more than 20 years in prison before he was exonerated of rape and paid more than \$1 million has been charged with attempted murder. Police say Alan Jerome Crotzer, 51, shot into a car that he was driving alongside Sunday, wounding a man. He was arrested Monday night and remained in jail Tuesday. (AP)

TRENTON, N.J.

Report: Food Aid Wrongly Dispensed After Irene

Nearly 1 in 5 New Jersey households that received emergency food stamps after Tropical Storm Irene hit last year were ineligible for the benefits, a review found, the result of a mix of mistakes, confusion and fraud as thousands of people rushed to cash in on what was a new program for the state, officials said Tuesday. (AP)

App-ropriate: Mitt Romney's campaign Tuesday unveiled a new smartphone app for revealing the nominee's running mate. "Mitt's VP" app promises users will "get the exciting news before the press and just about everyone else (except maybe Ann)." The app also allows users to share tweets from @MittRomney's account and donate directly to the candidate's website. Romney is expected to announce his running mate in the next few weeks. (EXPRESS)



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Nation

Third-Party Deflectors

Obama camp hopes candidates pull votes away from Romney

Washington

Most Americans have never heard of Virgil Goode, a former party-switching congressman who conceivably could decide the presidential election. But he is well known to President Obama's team of political advisers.

Goode served six terms in Congress from Virginia and is gathering signatures to appear on the ballot in his home state as the presidential candidate from the Constitution Party. He's already on the ballot in more than a dozen other states with an anti-immigration, pro-term limit platform he hopes makes a dent with the electorate. It's enough in Virginia for Obama campaign officials to take close notice of his potentially helpful candidacy.



Virgil Goode, top, is on some ballots as a presidential candidate for the Constitution Party. Gary Johnson, above, is a Libertarian Party candidate.

Goode is one of several third-party presidential candidates who will appear on ballots across the country this fall. But within the Obama camp he is considered one of two who could tilt the race by

pulling votes away from Republican challenger Mitt Romney. The other is Libertarian Party candidate Gary Johnson, a former two-term Republican governor of New Mexico whose presence on the ballot could make a difference in the presidential contest in states such as New Mexico and Colorado.

Goode and Johnson believe that in the end they will pull votes from both sides and attract independent voters who have no interest in voting for Obama nor Romney.

Neither candidate is considered enough of a national threat to draw comparisons to Ross Perot, whose independent campaign in 1992 attracted nearly 19 percent of the vote and whom President George H.W. Bush still blames for costing him his re-election. But Democrats see Goode and Johnson as this year's Ralph Nader, whom they still blame for Al Gore's loss to George W. Bush in 2000.

JIM KUHNHEIN (AP)

Al-Qaeda Ordered to Pay for 9/11

New York

Al-Qaeda, the Taliban and Iran should pay \$6 billion to relatives of Sept. 11 victims for aiding in the 2001 terror attacks, a federal magistrate judge recommended Monday in a largely symbolic decision.

Even though it will be nearly impossible to collect damages, plaintiff Ellen Saracini, whose husband, Victor, was the captain of one of the planes that struck the World Trade Center, said she is happy about Manhattan Federal Magistrate Judge Frank Maas' recommendation.

Last year, Judge George Daniels signed a default judgment on the lawsuit brought by relatives of 47 victims. He found al-Qaeda, the

Backstory

Judge George Daniels ruled last year that the 9/11 plaintiffs had established that the 2001 attacks were caused by the support that the Taliban and Iran provided to al-Qaeda. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has repeatedly denied any Iranian connection. (AP)

Taliban and Iran liable and asked the magistrate to determine damages. Maas' ruling Monday is a recommendation to Daniels, who can accept it or amend it.

Maas calculated punitive and compensatory damages for each of the plaintiffs and their lost family members. (AP)



REFUNDS

Rock On, Years Later

Ten hardcore fans of British rock band The Who redeemed tickets Tuesday for a canceled 1979 show in Rhode Island. The Providence concert was scrapped by then-Mayor Buddy Cianci, who cited safety concerns. Now, the band plans to end a tour in February at the same venue. Old tickets will be auctioned to help the Special Olympics. (AP)

\$3.50

The average cost per gallon of gasoline, AAA said Tuesday, dropping for the first time this summer after a sharp run-up in July. The nationwide average was last at \$3.50 per gallon on June 19. (AP)



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World

In Brief



Russian protest leader Alexei Navalny denied charges of theft Tuesday.

MOSCOW

Outspoken Putin Critic Is Charged With Theft

Russian authorities charged Alexei Navalny, one of President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critics, with theft on Tuesday, threatening him with a 10-year prison sentence as the Kremlin ramps up a crackdown on dissent. Navalny rejected the charges as baseless. (AP)

LONDON

Irish Author Binky Dies

Best-selling Irish author Maeve Binchy, one of Ireland's most popular writers who sold more than 40 million books worldwide, died Monday in Dublin at age 72 after a brief illness, Irish media said Tuesday. She was best known for writing 1990's "Circle of Friends." (AP)

SANAA, YEMEN

15 Killed in Ministry Raid

Police loyal to Yemen's ousted leader Ali Abdullah Saleh stormed the country's Interior Ministry on Tuesday, setting off clashes that left at least 15 people killed and 43 wounded, according to the country's security operations room. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Israel: Ultra-Orthodox To Be Eligible for Draft

In a step that could intensify a major rift among Israelis, the defense minister Tuesday ordered the army to prepare for a universal draft of ultra-Orthodox Jewish men. Ehud Barak's order came just hours before the expiration of a law that has granted tens of thousands of exemptions from military duty and followed a Supreme Court ruling against extending that arrangement. (AP)



Stranded passengers, seen through a window, wait for train services to resume at a rail station in Delhi on Tuesday.

A Dark Day in India

Biggest power outage in history is a major blight for the country

New Delhi

Electric crematoria were snuffed out with bodies inside, New Delhi's Metro shut down and hundreds of coal miners were trapped underground after three Indian electric grids collapsed in a cascade Tuesday, cutting power to 620 million people in the world's biggest blackout.

620M

The number of people who lost power in India on Monday — which is the equivalent of about twice the population of the United States. (AP)

While Indians were furious and embarrassed, many took the crisis in stride, inured by the constant — though far less widespread — outages triggered by the huge electricity deficit stymieing the development of this would-be Asian power.



An Indian barber gives a haircut by candlelight to a customer in Kolkata.

Historic Blackouts

India set a record over the past two days. Here are some of the most severe power outages on record:

- Nov. 9, 1965: More than 25 million lose power in New York City in The Great Blackout.
- Aug. 14, 2003: More than 50 million lose power as power line problems in the Midwest cause the worst blackout in U.S. history.
- Sept. 28, 2003: About 95 percent of Italy, or 55 million people, are affected when a power line shorts in Switzerland.
- Aug. 18, 2005: Almost 100 million lose power in Indonesia. (AP)

Hospitals, factories and airports switched automatically to their diesel generators during the hours-long outage across half of India. Many homes relied on backup systems powered by truck batteries. And hundreds of millions of India's poorest had no electricity to lose.

"It was just as bad as any other five-hour power cut," said Satish, the owner of a coffee and juice shop in central Delhi.

The crisis was the second record-breaking outage in two days. India's northern grid failed Monday, leaving 370 million people powerless for much of the day, in a collapse blamed on states that drew more than their allotment of power. RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

'Massacres' Described in Aleppo

Beirut

Humanitarian conditions have grown even more dire in the besieged Syrian city of Aleppo, with activists reporting Tuesday of dwindling stocks of food and cooking gas and only intermittent electricity supplies as droves of residents flee 11 days of intense clashes between rebels and regime forces.

Government helicopters pounded rebel neighborhoods across Syria's largest city and main commercial hub. Activists said the random shelling has forced many civilians

Motives in Question

Manaf Tlass, Syria's most prominent defector, has been touring Turkey and Saudi Arabia to garner support for the uprising. But many in the opposition are suspicious of the former general, a longtime friend of President Bashar Assad, believing he is just trying to vault to power. "It seems there are foreign and Arab countries who have plans for him, but the Syrian street will decide who it wants," said Anwar Saadeddine, a brigadier general who also defected. (AP)

to flee to other neighborhoods or even escape the city altogether. The U.N. said late Sunday that about 200,000 had fled the city of about 3 million.

"The humanitarian situation here is very bad," said Mohammed Saeed, an activist living in the city. "There is not enough food, and people are trying to leave. We really need support from the outside. There is random shelling against civilians."

Arab League Secretary-General Nabil Elaraby said "massacres" are happening daily. (AP)

Hearsay

"In a turbulent world, Poland stands as an example and defender of freedom."



— MITT ROMNEY, PRAISING POLAND'S MODEL FOR ECONOMIC REFORM, SAYING THE WORLD COULD LEARN FROM ITS EXAMPLE

World



Security forces gather at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Baghdad Blasts Kill at Least 21

Attacks underscore troubles Iraq faces battling al-Qaeda

Baghdad

A double bombing struck an upscale neighborhood in Iraq's capital Tuesday, killing at least 21 even though police stopped three attackers storming a counterterror unit, as the government strained to control al-Qaeda-based chaos gripping the country.

The bloody explosions came on the same day Iraq's government discussed security issues with Iran, a measure of Tehran's growing influence.

Two cars parked in the mostly Shiite shopping district of Karadah exploded during the afternoon rush hour. Most of the dead were store owners and passers-by, although the blasts hit near two

police headquarters and a security checkpoint, killing six police officers.

The bombs sent plumes of black smoke over the neighborhood, located across the Tigris River from the Green Zone, and the sounds of gunshots could be heard from blocks away.

The violence brought the July death toll to 245 people killed in shootings and bombings, approaching the carnage in January, when 255 people were killed following the U.S. pullout.

Al-Qaeda has claimed responsibility for nearly all the attacks as it seeks to take advantage of political instability in Iraq and move back into areas it was forced to abandon before the U.S. military left the country last December.

Security forces and government offices are top targets for insurgents seeking to prove how unsafe Iraq remains. (AP)



A Herculean Effort

Italian officials on Tuesday announced that the \$30 million restoration of the Colosseum financed by the founder of luxury leather good maker Tod's will begin in December. Officials said the work is expected to take 2½ years, during which

time the monument will remain open to tourists. The restoration will recover a wide swath of the monument's basement. (AP)

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Transportation

The next time you're traveling on Amtrak, don't worry about picking up your tickets at the station. The company announced Monday that it will be accepting electronic tickets on all trains nationwide, including on the Northeast Corridor.

Tickets will be emailed to Amtrak riders, who can either print the ticket or just show the conductor an eTicket on their smartphone. If you do print it and misplace it

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186	N.E. Regional	New York	On Time	L
325	Manassas Line	Broad Run	On Time	A
422	Penn Line	BWI/Baltimore	On Time	L
2168	Acela Express	Boston	Cancelled	A
94	N.E. Regional	VA Beach	Cancelled	L
424	Penn Line	Boston	Cancelled	A
95	N.E. Regional	Miami	Cancelled	L
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Amtrak previously tested electronic ticketing on five routes in a pilot program, and the company reported that it resulted in shorter lines at ticket counters.

MARK BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Woman Goes Into Labor at Green Line Metro Station

Washington

Traveling on Metro every day can feel repetitive, but every so often, something slightly different happens during the morning commute. Case in point: A 22-year-old woman apparently went into labor on the platform at the Congress Heights station Tuesday morning, according to Metro.

She didn't actually give birth on the platform, though, and was taken to a local hospital at 8:22 a.m., Metro spokesman Dan Stessel said. MARK BERMAN (TWP)



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Fairfax Board OKs Streetcars

Project that includes Arlington isn't a done deal yet, officials say

Fairfax

A week after officials in Arlington County did the same, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday endorsed plans for a Columbia Pike streetcar line that supporters hope will eventually become the first leg of a new Northern Virginia rail system.

The 7-2 vote was the last needed to allow the two counties to

apply for federal money that could cover roughly a third of the construction cost — an estimated \$250 million.

But the project still isn't a done deal, as many details have yet to be ironed out, including who will pay for what.

Years in the works, the counties' plans call for a five-mile line, akin to light rail, that would run along Columbia Pike from Fairfax's Skyline area to the Pentagon City Metro station.

Supervisors' initial expectation is that the line will spur redevelopment in an area that desperately

\$6M

The net operating costs per year for the Columbia Pike streetcar system, officials estimate. Fairfax says it expects the counties would hire a contractor to run the streetcar system.

needs it — Bailey's Crossroads — and ease traffic on one of the busiest commuter routes in the region. According to Fairfax County, the corridor has the highest bus ridership in all of Northern Virginia.

Some have bigger hopes, too: that the line will eventually become

the first leg of a new rail network that would extend across the counties and maybe into others.

"We need to get it to Skyline, prove its viability, and then expand it," said Supervisor Penelope Gross, D-Mason, whose district includes Fairfax's portion of the route. "This has a lot of potential."

Gross has been advocating for a streetcar line along Columbia Pike for years. She said the need dates back to the 1970s, when a development boom hit the area in anticipation of a Metro stop that ended up never being built.

CORINNE REILLY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



In this undated image, a suspect in the Vi Ripken kidnapping is shown at left.

New Video Released In Abduction of Ripken Mom

Aberdeen, Md.

Aberdeen police have released a video of a suspect in the kidnapping of Cal Ripken Jr.'s mother.

Police say the video released Tuesday was taken at a retail outlet in Anne Arundel County. The video shows a man in an orange cap and a light-colored coat entering and exiting the store.

Vi Ripken, the 74-year-old mother of the Hall of Fame infielder, told police she was abducted at gunpoint from her house last week, blindfolded and driven around.

She was found bound but unharmed in her car last Wednesday. Police say they don't have a motive and are exploring several theories for the abduction.

They say they're still investigating it as a "forced abduction not related to any medical or health conditions." (AP)

In Brief

CALVERT, MD.

Murder-Suicide Likely In Deaths of Couple, Child

Calvert County officials say a man, woman and a 2-year-old child are dead following an apparent murder-suicide. The sheriff's office says the bodies were found Tuesday morning inside a home in Owings. Authorities believe a 32-year-old man shot his wife and child before killing himself. (AP)

BALTIMORE

Casino Licenses OK'd

A Maryland panel has approved a slot machine license for Caesars Entertainment to build a casino in Baltimore and a scaled-back proposal for a casino in western Maryland. The slot machine commission unanimously approved the two separate requests on Tuesday in Annapolis. (AP)

MINERAL, VA.

Minor Quake Hits Va.

Louisa County has been rattled by another minor earthquake. The U.S. Geological Survey says the 2.4-magnitude earthquake hit Tuesday. The region has experienced dozens of aftershocks since a 5.8-magnitude earthquake struck in August 2011. Mineral was the earthquake's epicenter. (AP)

New Drunken-Driving Law in D.C.

Washington

A new anti-drunken-driving law that takes effect in the District on Wednesday not only re-establishes the suspended breath-test program but also imposes broader and tougher penalties for impaired driving.

The Comprehensive Impaired Driving Act of 2012, emergency legislation passed by the D.C. Council and signed by Mayor Vincent Gray earlier in July, sets tougher penalties for first-time drunken drivers and lengthens mandatory minimum sentences for repeat offenders and drivers who show high concentrations of alcohol in their blood when tested.

A section of the law focuses for the first time on standards for drivers of commercial vehicles, including limousines, taxis, buses and trucks.



The new law sets tougher penalties for first-time drunken drivers in the District.

The new law's provisions drew praise from Kurt Gregory Erickson, president of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program, the group well known for coordinating SoberRide, which provides free cab rides home on some holidays for people who might other-

wise drive while impaired.

"With more than a quarter of the District's traffic deaths being caused by drunk drivers, these are necessary if not lifesaving new laws," Erickson said in a statement supporting the act.

ROBERT THOMSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, July 31

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3 2-8-9
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 5-4-0
Mid-day Pick 4 1-2-1-8
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 1-0-4-5
Match 5 (Mon.) 19-21- 28-33-37 (9)

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers 5-3-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.) 4-2-4
Mid-day DC 4 1-2-0-6
Evening DC 4 (Mon.) 4-2-2-4
Mid-day D.C. Five 8-5-7-6-4
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.) 6-6-6-6-6

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3 9-3-7
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) 7-2-7
Mid-day Pick 4 9-4-4-8
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) 3-6-1-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.) 15-25-26-31-34
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.) 2-7-11-25-30

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London2012



The Gold Standard

Phelps swims the final leg in the men's 4x200-meter freestyle relay for his record-breaking 19th medal.

MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Phelps anchors the U.S. relay team to a win for his record-setting 19th Olympic medal

Swimming

Michael Phelps swam into history with his 19th Olympic medal, and this one was a more appropriate color.

With a lot of help from his friends, Phelps took down the last major record that wasn't his alone, swimming the anchor leg for the United States in a gold medal-winning performance of the 4x200-meter freestyle relay Tuesday night.

About an hour earlier, Phelps took one of the most frustrating defeats of his brilliant career, making a shocking blunder at the finish and settling for silver in his signature event, the 200 butterfly.

That tied the record for career medals, held by Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina, but it was hardly a triumphant moment. Phelps slung away his cap in disgust and struggled to force a smile at the medal ceremony.

But any disappointment from that race was gone by the time he dived in the water on the relay, having been staked to a huge lead by teammates Ryan Lochte, Conor Dwyer and Ricky Berens.

Before the race, they all huddled together, fully aware of their role in history.



AP

Schmitt Takes Gold

American Allison Schmitt set an Olympic record to win the 200-meter freestyle at the London Games on Tuesday. Schmitt clocked 1 minute, 53.61 seconds, shaving more than a second off the mark set by Italy's Federica Pellegrini four years ago in Beijing. Teenager Missy Franklin, who took gold in the backstroke Monday, was fourth — one second from a bronze. (AP)

"I told those guys I wanted a big lead," Phelps said. "I was like, 'You better give me a big lead going into the last lap,' and they gave it to me. I just wanted to hold on. I thanked them for being able to allow me to have this moment."

Phelps' Medal Count

15
GOLD

2
SILVER

2
BRONZE

Michael Phelps became the top medal winner ever Tuesday, passing Larisa Latynina, whose record of 18 total medals had stood since 1964. As a gymnast, Latynina won nine gold medals for the Soviet Union. The 77-year-old was in the stands at the women's gymnastics final on Tuesday. (AP)

Berens handed off a lead of nearly 4 seconds to Phelps, who lingered a bit on the blocks, knowing the only way he could blow this one was to get disqualified. Then he set off on what amounted to four victory laps of the pool — down and back, then down and back again, the roar in the Olympic Aquatics Centre getting louder as he approached the finish.

Lochte stood on the deck, waving his arms. Dwyer and Berens pumped their fists. And Phelps touched the wall for his first gold of the London Games with a cumulative time of 6 minutes, 59.70 seconds. No one else was close. France's Yannick Agnel swam a faster final leg than Phelps, but it wasn't nearly good enough, his country taking silver in 7:02.77. China was far back in third at 7:06.30.

Phelps might have backed into the record a bit by failing to win any of his

first three events at these Games, but there's no denying his legacy as one of the greatest Olympians ever — if not THE greatest.

Phelps has 15 golds in his career, six more than anyone else, to go along with two silvers and two bronzes. After failing to medal in his only race at the 2000 Sydney Games, he won six golds and two bronzes in Athens, followed by his epic eight gold medals in Beijing. And now the swan song, not nearly as epic but enough. "You are now a complete legend!" the public-address announcer bellowed, accompanied by the Foo Fighters' song "Best of You."

Phelps still has three more events in London before he retires, three more chances to establish a mark that will be hard for anyone to touch. "It has been a pretty amazing career," the 27-year-old said, "but we still have a couple races to go." PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)



GETTY IMAGES

Chinese Superstar

Chinese teen sensation Ye Shiwen set an Olympic record to win the 200-meter individual medley on Tuesday, adding to her gold she won in a world record time at the 400 IM. Her victory Tuesday came after Olympic organizers and swimming's

governing body leapt to the defense of the 16-year-old, with the sport's president saying suspicions that she doped were "crazy" and motivated by jealousy, and the IOC stressing its confidence in the drug-testing program. (AP)

On Top of the World

U.S. women are nearly flawless in capturing their first gold since '96

Gymnastics

One by one, the Americans thundered down the runway, soared high above the vault and slammed into the mat.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the fireworks were over, so was everybody else's chance for the gold medal.

The Americans lived up to their considerable hype and then some Tuesday night, routing silver medalist Russia and everybody else on their way to their first Olympic title in women's gymnastics.

"Others might disagree. The '96 team might disagree. But this is the best team."

— U.S. COACH JOHN GEDDERT, ON HIS GOLD-MEDAL WINNING GROUP.

tics since 1996. Their score of 183.596 was a whopping five points better than Russia's, and set off a debate over whether this is the best U.S. team of all time. Romania won the bronze.

The Americans didn't botch a single routine, and all but three of their 12 scores were 15.0 or higher. The Russians, on the other hand, had just one score above 15 in their last two events as they unraveled down the stretch. They sat on the sidelines sniffing and watching glumly as the Americans turned their final event, floor exercise, into a coronation.

When the final standings flashed, chants of "U-S-A! U-S-A!" rocked the arena, and the U.S. women, who backed up to get a better view of the scoreboard, held up their index fingers for the cameras — in case anyone had a doubt.

"The feeling was incredible," world champion Jordyn Wieber said. "To have this gold medal around your neck, it's really an indescribable feeling."

The Americans had come into the past two Olympics as world champi-



Alexandra Raisman, Jordyn Wieber, McKayla Maroney and Kyla Ross celebrate the U.S. gymnasts' win on Tuesday.

A Look Back

The only other U.S. women's gymnastics team to win the gold medal was The Magnificent Seven, which claimed the prize in 1996. While Kerri Strug's hailed vault on a sprained ankle turned out to be irrelevant to the final standings, the act has become one of the most iconic in U.S. Olympic history.

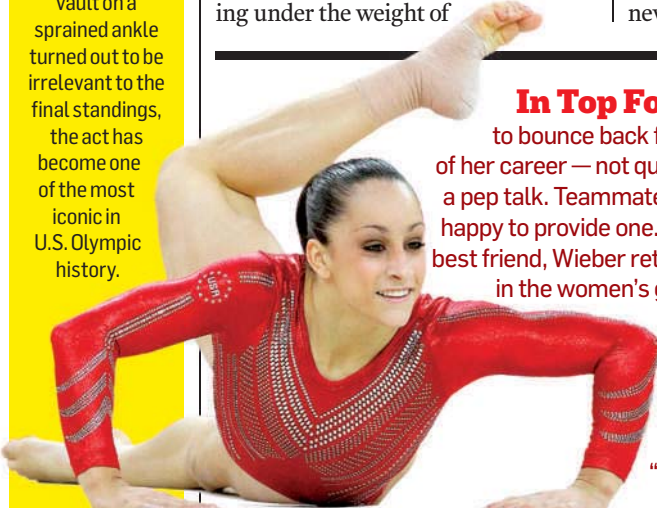
ons, only to leave without the gold. But national team coordinator Martha Karolyi recognized six months ago that this was a special group, stronger than previous U.S. teams.

It's not just the titles these Americans have won, though there are plenty: last year's team gold at the world championships, along with Wieber's all-around crown and McKayla Maroney's title on vault. It's their fierce competitiveness, and the unshakable faith they have in themselves. Rather than flinching under the weight of

the heavy expectations, they got even stronger. When they noticed the Russians and Romanians peeking in on their training sessions, they cranked up the oomph in their routines, the better to intimidate.

Even Wieber's failure to qualify for the all-around final, which left her teammates stunned following Sunday's sessions, turned out to be a minor speed bump. "I told them, 'Just believe in yourself,'" Maroney said. "Live up to that Olympic moment, because you're never, ever going to forget it." (AP)

In Top Form: All Jordyn Wieber needed to bounce back from the biggest disappointment of her career — not qualifying for the all-around — was a pep talk. Teammate McKayla Maroney was only too happy to provide one. Thanks to a few words from her best friend, Wieber returned to her championship form in the women's gymnastics team finals Tuesday, helping the U.S. to the first gold medal. Wieber, left, drilled her meet-opening vault and the U.S. rolled. The 17-year-old called her performance "redemption." She can add a gold in next week's floor exercise. (AP)






The Rundown

Medal Count



▲ 2. United States TOTAL: 23

COUNTRY				T
1. China	13	6	4	23
3. Japan	1	4	8	13
4. France	4	3	4	11
5. S. Korea	3	2	3	8
6. Italy	2	4	2	8

By the Numbers

25-23

The third-set score of No. 5-seeded France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga over Canada's Milos Raonic. The longest set in Olympic tennis history lasted three hours and 257 points. (AP)

Top Dogs



Vince Hancock, USA

For Vince Hancock, the reward is gold, but that's not necessarily the goal. The skilled shooter aims much higher: for perfection. He came pretty close to that Tuesday, hitting 148 out of 150 targets in the men's skeet competition, becoming the first Olympian to win back-to-back gold medals in the event. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Zara Phillips, Great Britain

The queen's granddaughter added to the family silver on Tuesday, helping team Britain to a second-place finish behind Germany in Olympic equestrian events. Putting shine on the moment: Her mother, Princess Anne, presented the medal. (AP)

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Abby Wambach executes a bicycle kick in the Americans' 1-0 win over North Korea.

U.S. Worms Its Way Past N. Korea

Wambach scores, Solo dances as team sweeps group stage

Women's Soccer

Abby Wambach became the first non-British woman to score a goal at Old Trafford. She and her teammates celebrated by coercing Hope Solo to get on the ground and do "the worm."

There were other such moments unfamiliar to the venerable home of Manchester United on Tuesday, when chants of "U-S-A!" echoed for the Americans' 1-0 win over North Korea in front of 29,522 fans — easily the largest crowd ever to occupy the familiar red seats for a women's game.

The victory gave the U.S. team first place in its group with three wins in three games, the first time the Americans have ever swept their group opponents in Olympic play. They were already assured a berth in the next round entering the game, and they'll now move on to Newcastle for a quarterfinal match on Friday against New Zealand.

Although claiming to be a reluctant participant, Solo and captain Christie Rampone flopped to the ground after Wambach's goal in the 25th minute. The other nine players joined hands, wriggled their arms like a giant worm and pointed to the pair of players doing the funky dance move from the 1970s and '80s. "The worm at Old Trafford! Are you kidding me?" Solo said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



"Everyone just expected me to give up this spot, because I think lots of people ... know me and they know that I'm seen as this very nice girl."

—ALLISON FELIX, DISCUSSING ON TUESDAY HER DECISION NOT TO STEP ASIDE AFTER TYING JENEBA TARMOH IN THE 100-METER SPRINT AT THE U.S. OLYMPIC TRIALS

Other Events

TENNIS

Djokovic Drops Roddick

Andy Roddick sprinted to scoop up a ball near the net, then backpedaled for another shot, leaping, stretching and swinging in one desperate motion. He whacked the ball into a camera bay. So it went Tuesday for Roddick, outclassed by Novak Djokovic in the second round of the Olympics, 6-2, 6-1. (AP)

WATER POLO

U.S. Tops Romania, 10-8

Ryan Bailey and Peter Varellas scored

three goals each as the United States recovered from a slow start Tuesday to beat Romania 10-8. (AP)

JUDO

Headscarf Deal Struck

Wojdan Ali Seraj Abdulrahim Shahrkhani, a female judo fighter from Saudi Arabia, was cleared to wear a form of headscarf in the Olympics after a compromise was reached that respects the "cultural sensitivity" of the Muslim kingdom. Judo officials had said the headscarf was against the principles of the sport. (AP)

What to Watch

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

(8 P.M., NBC) Japan's Kohei Uchimura is the heavy favorite to win the men's all-around.

WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL

(8 P.M., NBC) Kerri Walsh Jennings and Misty May-Treanor wrap up pool play against Austrian sisters Doris and Stefanie Schwaiger.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(5 P.M., NBCSN) The U.S. plays Turkey in what should be an easy win.

FENCING

(3:30 P.M., MSNBA) American Mariel Zagunis seeks her third-straight gold in the individual sabre.

Water, Water Everywhere



FIELD HOCKEY: Japan's Nagisa Hayashi grimaces as water sprays in her face during a match against the Netherlands Tuesday. The Netherlands won 3-2. Meanwhile, the U.S. scored a shocking 1-0 win over Argentina.

Shanahan Seeks Ground Gains

Without a top back, Redskins have open competition at camp

The Redskins

Mike Shanahan made his name on the ground. During his 14 years coaching in Denver, the Broncos led the NFL in rushing while featuring six backs who gained at least 1,000 yards in a season. Not coincidentally, Denver won two Super Bowls, made the playoffs six times and enjoyed nine winning seasons.

That kind of success has been much more elusive for Shanahan in Washington. The Redskins were 30th in rushing in 2010 and 25th in 2011. Their top two backs didn't total 1,000 yards in either season, with the team finishing 11-21.

So for all the hype about rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III, the Redskins aren't likely to make a quantum leap in 2012 unless they get their running game going.

Veteran Tim Hightower was the starter when he tore his left ACL in Week 7 last year. Roy Helu took over and ran for 100 yards in three-straight games before getting banged up. Fellow rookie Evan Royster stepped in and gained 100 yards in each of the final two contests.

So who's going to start this season? Hightower has the most experience and is the best at pass protection. Helu is the fastest and caught



Redskins QB Robert Griffin III hands off to Evan Royster in practice. Royster is one of three backs vying to start this season.

Banged-Up Line



Already without starting right tackle Jammal Brown, the Redskins lost starting left guard Kory

Lichtensteiger, above, for the remainder of the preseason Monday after he underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. And if those injuries weren't alarming enough, backup tackle Willie Smith twisted his knee during a drill. The second-year pro was competing to start in place of Brown but now will have an MRI exam. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

more than twice as many passes as his rivals combined in 2011. Royster had 5.9 yards per carry, which is significantly higher than Helu's 4.2 or Hightower's 3.9.

"I don't know who's going to be the tailback," Shanahan said. "I do know that I have three guys I have a lot of confidence in. With Tim coming off of an ACL, he's not even close to 100 percent, but I see improvement every day. Helu and Royster. They both did a great job last year, [but] they both have been hurt. Can a guy stay healthy when he does perform? Is he consistent?"

The intensity of the job for NFL running backs has changed over the past decade. In 2001, 10 backs

had at least 300 carries. In 2011, only two did.

"I don't know about the whole running back by committee thing," Hightower said. "Some running backs may be better at certain things, may be better at blitz pickup, may be better between the tackles ... They're going to put the best guy on the field. I never want to come off the football field, but you also got to be smart and know that there are certain times where you don't give your team the best opportunity to win that situation."

Asked how long he envisions the starting jockeying to last, Helu said, "It goes 'til February, absolutely." (AP)



U.S. assistant coach Jennifer Gillom meets Michelle Obama in London.

Olympics Call Again For Coach

The Mystics

Jennifer Gillom is having a once-in-a-lifetime experience — for the second time.

Twenty-four years after winning gold as a player on the U.S. women's basketball team during the 1988 Summer Olympics, Gillom is in London as an assistant coach, the same role she handles for the Mystics.

"After all these years, to have played and coached and return to the world stage as a coach, what an amazing experience," said Gillom, who will help guide the U.S. squad against Turkey on Wednesday. "I never would have thought I'd be able to accomplish that in my life."

Named female athlete of the year by USA basketball in 1985, the former University of Mississippi star's inclusion on the '88 team was no stunner. Considering Gillom is a relative newcomer to the coaching ranks, her three years on the U.S. coaching staff helmed by the University of Connecticut's Geno Auriemma is a different story.

"I've only coached at an elite level for four years — to get that kind of role so quickly, I was like, 'Oh my God, are you kidding me!'" Gillom said. "I just think of it as a blessing."

BENJAMIN STANDIG (FOR EXPRESS)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The second game of the Nats-Phillies series in Washington.

ORIOLES (1 P.M., MASN) The O's and Yankees play a matinee to conclude their three-game series.

PRO BASEBALL (2:10 P.M., WGN; 7 P.M., ESPN) The Cubs and Pirates play, and the Red Sox host the Tigers at Fenway Park.

First-Place Nats Don't Make a Move at Deadline

The Nationals

As Major League Baseball's trade deadline passed, the Nationals decided — at least for now — that the best deal was none at all.

By standing pat Tuesday, Washington will be counting on the same roster that has the club in first place to finish the job in this historic season.

Even without a trade, the

Nationals added a welcomed bat to the lineup. Outfielder Chad Tracy was taken off the disabled list while Corey Brown was optioned to Triple-A Syracuse.

Tracy has nine runs batted in as a pinch-hitter, tied for second-most in the majors, despite missing the past 55 games with a right adductor strain.

It's expected that injured outfielder Jayson Werth will soon join

Tracy on the big-league club as he completes a rehab assignment.

While the Nats stood pat, their opponents on Tuesday, the Philadelphia Phillies, were one of the day's biggest sellers. Philadelphia sent two-time All-Star center fielder Shane Victorino to the Los Angeles Dodgers for two pitchers. Then, it traded two-time All-Star right fielder Hunter Pence to the San Francisco Giants. (EXPRESS)

lookout

Inside Jokes

'I Have a Crazy Life, I'm Tracy Morgan'

The '30 Rock' star discusses pet sharks, sex and 'politricks' ahead of two D.C. shows

Whatever you think you know about Tracy Morgan's life is probably true. This is a guy who keeps sharks as pets, owns one of Michael Jackson's famed gloves and says his summer hobbies include doing karate and getting girls pregnant. So when I found out I would have 10 minutes on the phone with him, I wasn't sure what to expect. Would he even respond to my questions? Or would he just start yelling at me? The answer was a little bit of both. It took him a few minutes to warm up, but once Morgan got going, it was hard to get a word in. On Thursday, he'll perform two sets of stand-up at the Howard Theatre.



By Rudy Greenberg

"30 Rock" is over after the next season.

What do you hope happens to Tracy Jordan?

I hope he gets a billion dollars, I hope he does something crazy. I have no idea what these writers have in store. I hope he doesn't die.

That would be a sad way to end it.

If I'm going down in this damn plane crash, everybody's going down in this damn plane crash.

You're going to be on an upcoming episode of Animal Planet's "Tanked," where you had a custom shark tank built. What made you start collecting exotic pets?

When I was younger, my father, he was into nature and everything. That's what it was, my dad got me into it when I was really young. I've always been fascinated with animals.



Not many people have pet sharks.

I have a crazy life, I'm Tracy Morgan.

So you have to have crazy animals?

I'm a little eccentric. I have a Michael Jackson glove. I have Muhammad Ali's boxing shoes. I'm trying to get Evel Knievel's helmet. I'm trying to get a pair of Bruce Lee's 'chucks that he used in "The Game of Death."

What makes you collect these things?

Cause they're rare. I like that. I'm a rarity. You ain't never seen a Tracy Morgan a day in your life.

You've often been called a filthy comedian.

I don't think it's filthy. That's the misconception in America. We're not comfortable with sex, so when it comes to talking about something, that's like saying where I come from is filthy and dirty. Where I come from is promiscuous. Where I come from, we used sex as a sedative. It eases the pain of poverty. I talk about what I know.

Do you consider yourself a truth-teller, then?

I love telling the truth; I'm not gonna start living a lie. It takes too much energy, man. I'd rather tell the truth, man. I don't think you should call it dirty and filthy. Maybe you should just say different.

At your stand-up shows in D.C., will you be doing any political material?

No, I'm not doing that. I don't know anything about politics. As a matter of fact, I don't even call it politics, I call it "politricks." No matter who's in the White House, I think it's all a politrick.

Are you currently working on new material?

Nope, I'm living.

You're living?

Breathing, waking up, taking care of my family. Nothing specific. I'm not doing show business 24/7. I got a family. Show business is very small to me in my life.

Really?

I don't live in TV land all day. That [expletive] is stupid. That's not real. I have things I have to do day-to-day. Like everybody else.

● The Howard Theatre, 620 T St. NW; Thu., 7:30 & 10:30 p.m., \$55-\$60; 202-803-2899, Thehowardtheatre.com. (Shaw)



No Holding Back

Rick Ross flaunts his riches with expensive guests on a new disc

Album Review

In the middle of Rick Ross' new album, "God Forgives, I Don't," comes possibly the most typical Rick Ross song ever. It's called "Hold Me Back" and it features the burly rapper barking over one of those beats that have become prevalent over the past few years — a booming low end supported by something like "Ride of the Valkyries" played through cold, sinister synthesizers with the occasional sinus-clearing

bass drop. The final verse is just an extended run of demeaning vulgarity with the word "Ferrari" thrown in for no other reason than to fulfill Ross' expensive-car-mention quota. The song is extremely predictable



and predictably awesome.

The only surprise is that "Hold Me Back" is something of an outlier. "God Forgives" is Ross' first proper album since he muscled his way onto rap's A-list, and that means the stakes are high. It's time for Ross

to show that he's capable of more than simply banging out another batch of street anthem haymakers. Here he flaunts his riches by buying expensive things, namely verses by fellow superstars such as Jay-Z, Dr. Dre, Andre 3000, Drake and more. Guest appearances on rap albums are standard procedure, but in this case, the star adapts to his collaborators. It results in a very good album, but not necessarily a very good Rick Ross album.

These constant shifts make for Ross' most broadly accessible album yet, but it also means that credit must be given to the entire ensemble and not just the star.

DAVID MALITZ (THE WASHINGTON POST).

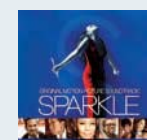
Houston's Final Songs Lack Spark

Album Review

Unless you count the box sets and rarities packages sure to come, the "Sparkle" sound track contains what will be the last music ever released by Whitney Houston.

Houston co-produced "Sparkle," a remake of the 1976 musical about three singing sisters and their single mom that now takes place in 1960s Detroit, and co-starred alongside clean-scrubbed and perpetually underrated "American Idol" winner Jordin Sparks.

Most of the original "Sparkle" sound track was written by Curtis Mayfield and performed by Aretha Franklin, and it's re-created virtually in its entirety here, bookended by several new tracks. Houston



Sparkle

Various Artists

appears only on the gospel standard "His Eye is on the Sparrow" — which is so tentative and wan it feels similar to a demo — and as a muted, multi-tracked presence on "Celebrate," a duet with Sparks.

Sparks, a knockout singer with the edgeless air of the perpetual ingenue, has long been a voice in search of a personality. Unfortunately, she won't find one here: "Sparkle" only offers one mild, midtempo number after another. ALLISON STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Jordin Sparks, left, stars alongside the late Whitney Houston, right, in the movie "Sparkle."

Today's Top Stops

COMPILED BY FIONA ZUBLIN



HEATHER LATIRI

1 Feed Me

"Little Shop of Horrors," a cult movie turned musical, will start its run at Olney tonight. Managed to avoid a million high school productions? The show follows a timid florist's assistant who discovers an unusual plant with which he hopes to impress a girl. Unfortunately, the plant has other plans. **Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; through Aug. 26, \$39-\$54; 301-924-3400, Olneytheatre.org.**

2 Tyrannosaurus Wrecks It All

The NoMa summer film series, themed on the End of the World, has freaked us out with aliens, Soviet forces and superheroes. But now we're in really terrifying territory: raptors. Hungry raptors. '90s classic "Jurassic Park" will screen this week, preceded by music, food trucks (including the grilled cheese truck!) and family activities. **Loree Grand Field, 2nd and L streets NE; Wed., 7 p.m., film starts at dusk, free; Nomabid.org. (NoMa)**

3 Strike a Pose

Today, Nellie's hosts "Marry the Night," an afternoon symposium on gay nightlife. There's also a dance party and talk-back session with old-school NYC party promoter Michael T, pictured, and local DJs Maegan Wood (She.Rex) and Shea Van Horn (Mixtape). **Nellie's Sports Bar, 900 U St. NW; Wed., noon, voguing starts 6:30 p.m., \$15, advance registration required; 202-332-6355, Queernightlife.net. (U Street)**



lookout TV tonight

Best Bets

TNT
9:00



Dallas Blood is thicker than water, but what about oil? John Ross (Josh Henderson, left) is forced to choose between oil and family ties. Sue Ellen and Rebecca are victimized by men with the potential to ruin their lives. A medical crisis forces the Ewings to rally around one another.

SPIKE
10:00

Diamond Divers After a deadly storm tears their boat apart, the members of the American crew take a huge risk on a dangerous new boat that could either make them rich or cost them their lives in the season finale.

USA
10:01

Necessary Roughness While treating a professional bull rider, Dani (Callie Thorne, right) tries to deal with her own personal issues. Nico and Matt wrangle a reporter who's looking for dirt on T.K. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



TOP CHEF MASTERS

Here Comes the Cake

BRAVO
10:00

The chefs (including Art Smith, front) must cater a wedding for a couple who want the reception food to symbolize their love: inspired and memorable. The chefs start by meeting the bride- and groom-to-be before getting to work on the menu, including the cake. (TM)

Film



Western Ways

TCM will spend August with the "Summer Under the Stars" festival. Every day will bring a 24-hour movie marathon focusing on one actor or actress. Things kick off at 6 a.m. with 12 John Wayne movies, most notably, "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon" at 8 p.m. (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

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Take It With You

Hotels are allowing customers to buy art right off the walls

Lodging

Hotel rooms are no longer just a place to shower, sleep and maybe indulge in breakfast in bed. They're now also spots to pick up a souvenir — and, no, we aren't talking about stealing the towels.

Like that painting over the bed? How about that drawing next to the TV? At hotels around the globe, guests now have the option to purchase the artwork in their rooms.

For several years, hotels have invited local artists in to decorate hallways, lobbies and other public spaces. It's a way they can distinguish themselves from the cookie-cutter chains and offer guests a sense of their special city or town. Now, they are taking that partnership one step further and turning bedrooms into mini-salesrooms.

The recently opened Omni Dallas hotel features more than 6,500 original pieces of art from 150 local artists in guest rooms and public spaces. The art is one of the reasons the property doesn't feel like every other hotel. It also gives guests the option of taking a bit of Texas culture home with them.

And the Omni Dallas is not the only one.

The Lancaster Arts Hotel, in Pennsylvania, sells art — and even some furniture — found in guest rooms, its gallery and common spaces, all from local artists and crafters.

The Principe Forte Dei Marmi in Tuscany, Italy, actually hosts



Guests at the Omni Dallas hotel can purchase works of art from right off the shelves.

"It was the most unlikely place I would think I would purchase art. I just felt like there was something magical about the painting."

— SHERRY QUINN, OF LISBON, MD., ABOUT RECENTLY PURCHASING THE PAINTING "ORANGE MOON OVER LEMMON AVENUE" BY KELLY MEGERT, A LOCAL ARTIST WHO WORKED PART TIME IN THE OMNI DALLAS GIFT SHOP

an artist in residence for several months. Guests meet and interact with the artist and then can custom order a piece of art. The guests can even handpick the materials to be used in sculptures.

Some chain hotels trying to distinguish themselves are getting into the art business.

At the Renaissance Arts Hotel in New Orleans, a Marriott property, don't expect to see price lists in the rooms. But guests who ask

the staff can learn how to buy the various pieces of artwork, such as the glass sculptures in the bathroom that go for about \$300.

Each room features an original picture, and the hotel is also able to refer guests to the artist or gallery if they are interested in other works.

Guests at the new Conrad New York can't take home the hotel's signature piece of art, Sol Lewitt's "Loopy Doopy (Blue and Purple)," which fills 13 stories of the lobby. Each room, however, has a tile representing part of the work. The gift shop sells the same tiles for \$95.

Ed Netzhhammer, managing director of the Omni Dallas, notes that his hotel has "more art than a lot of the galleries and museums around the country."

"It makes it fun and interesting and adds a whole different level of energy to the hotel," Netzhhammer said.

So leave a little extra room in that suitcase this summer — you never know what will be coming home with you from vacation.

SCOTT MAYEROWITZ (AP)

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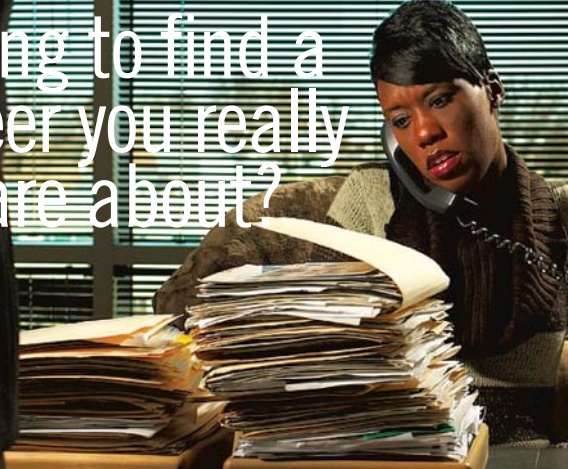
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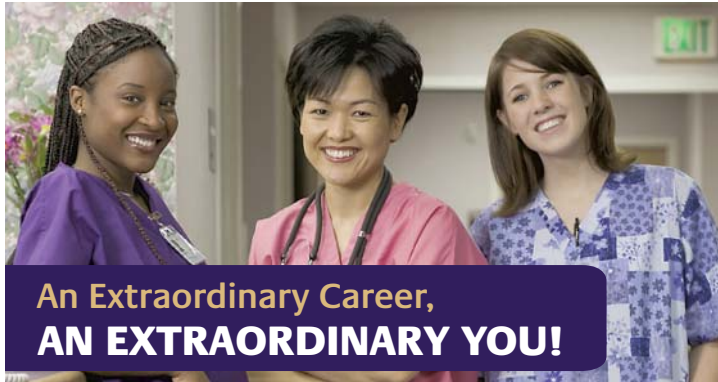
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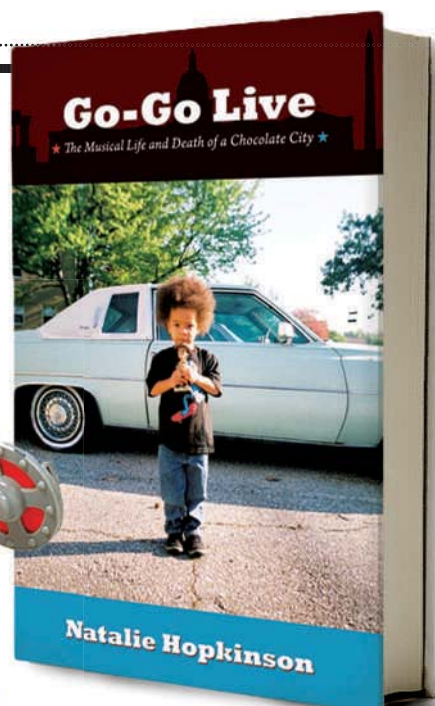
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— **HAYLEY PHELAN AT FASHIONISTA.COM** understands why the magazine printed two covers for its September “Style” issue. One features actress Jessica Chastain, while the other has Kate Middleton, who won the magazine’s best dressed award for the third straight year.

“Oh. My Twitter account appears to have been un-suspended. Did I miss much while I was away?”

— **@GUYADAMS**, a journalist for the Independent newspaper in London, jokes after his account was reinstated after being suspended for what the site said was a violation of its privacy rules when he published the email address of an NBCUniversal executive while criticizing the network’s Olympics coverage.

“More than a softening of Apple’s plans for [a] brushed-iron-fisted future of content, this could also be the start of an opening up of the Apple TV platform. Apple TV might not be content poor, but it’s decidedly content middle class, compared to its competitors.”

— **KYLE WAGNER AT GIZMODO.COM** reacts to news that Hulu Plus is now available on Apple’s set-top box, according to an announcement by Hulu on Tuesday.

“I grew up reading the comics that came with the toys. I’ve also seen all the cartoons. The world of He-Man is as big and detailed as Lord of The Rings. It’s not just a stupid Saturday morning cartoon. Seriously, there’s a lot of mythology created for this world.”

— **COMMENTER “JUST SAYING” AT DEADLINE.COM** reacts to a report saying that director Jon M. Chu is in talks to reboot “Masters of the Universe,” a live-action film based on the Mattel toys, with Sony Pictures.

“A bookstore is a place of ideas. If I expect to greet open minds anywhere, that’s it. It is not the place where I expect a random, apparently uninformed person to be handed a gavel to judge what constitutes appropriate racial discourse.”

— **NATALIEHOPKINSON.COM**, author of “Go-Go Live: The Musical Life and Death of a Chocolate City,” comments after an incident temporarily disrupted her book signing at Politics & Prose on Monday. According to Hopkinson, who created a playlist to be played during the event, the bookstore shut off her music when a woman complained that the lyrics of Parliament’s 1970s classic “Chocolate City” were racist.



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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Study what is going on around you with a little more objectivity than usual. The answers you get will prove enlightening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Once you reveal your true motives you'll have all the help you need — though there are still a few things that you should do yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take care that you are presenting yourself to others in a way that promotes your agenda. First impressions are important today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A key situation is approaching critical mass, and you'll want to be ready to do what you can to ease tensions on all sides.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What starts as an amusement today will likely evolve into something much more serious by nightfall. Heed all signs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do you have what it takes to outlast the competition? Today, you'll be able to prove it once and for all — and come away with the prize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will know what to do with a new piece of information as soon as it comes to you — though a friend or partner may be somewhat in doubt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be concerned with the well-being of another today while tending to a personal issue that is heating up more quickly than expected.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You mustn't try to force any issues today; maintain a rational approach at all times. After dark, a loved one offers you a choice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may run into someone who has more power over you than most — and you will have to do some quick thinking to avoid a confrontation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can be a champion of harmony — but only if you dispense with a certain notion that has been holding you back of late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your efforts will yield more than the desired results — and you should include one or two others when you claim your prize.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 209

A ₁	A ₁	Y ₄	T ₁	H ₄	R ₁	S ₁
A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	T ₁	L ₁	W ₄	N ₁
E ₁	I ₁	I ₁	H ₄	T ₁	G ₂	N ₁
E ₁	U ₁	L ₁	N ₁	G ₂	S ₁	G ₂

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

4th Letter Triple

Double Word Score

Yesterday's Solution

G ₂	I ₁	N ₁	S ₁	E ₁	N ₁	G ₂	RACK 1 =	59
M ₃	O ₁	R ₁	T ₁	A ₁	L ₁		RACK 2 =	8
F ₄	O ₁	R ₁	T ₁	U ₁	N ₁	E ₁	RACK 3 =	61
T ₁	E ₁	S ₁	T ₁	I ₁	F ₄	Y ₄	RACK 4 =	76
PAR SCORE 140-150								TOTAL
								204

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	4				7	5		
7			4	2	3	9		
2				5		3		
	6	8			2			1
	9	2		6		8	5	
3			1			4	2	
		1		4				9
		6	3	7	5			4
		4	2				3	

Yesterday's Solution

5	2	9	8	4	3	7	6	1
7	4	6	1	5	2	3	9	8
1	3	8	6	9	7	5	4	2
9	7	1	4	3	8	2	5	6
8	5	2	9	6	1	4	3	7
3	6	4	7	2	5	8	1	9
4	1	3	2	7	6	9	8	5
2	8	5	3	1	9	6	7	4
6	9	7	5	8	4	1	2	3

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Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



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90 | 72

Today: Humid today with a thunderstorm. A thunderstorm in spots tonight.

93 | 74

Tomorrow: A shower or thunderstorm possible tomorrow and tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI **SAT** **SUN**
95 | 76 96 | 76 94 | 77

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 6:09 a.m.
 Sunset today: 8:19 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 7:47 p.m.
 Moonset today: 5:35 a.m.

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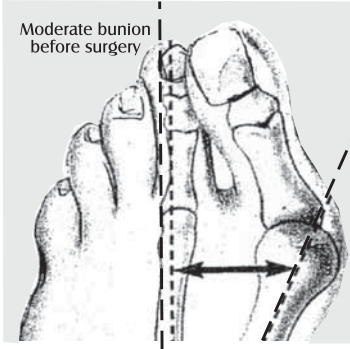
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Crossword

WHICH F?

ACROSS

- One ____ customer
- It may have reservations
- Lower in rank
- Wish never happened
- Sharpened, as a knife
- Memorable Charlton Heston role
- Scrambled fare
- Abated, as a tide
- Opposite of liability
- Too much, then too little
- Do some cartooning
- Kind of magnetism
- "Good!" in Genoa
- Sewing room outburst?
- "... ____ to leap tall buildings ..."
- Sculptor Jean
- Lavish affection (on)
- Adolescent boy
- Sentry's question
- Monopolist's portion
- Black and white snack since 1912
- It has a stash of cash
- Musical chairs goal
- Accelerator particles
- Did impressions of
- Feeling of compassion
- Descended from the same language
- Choice for one whose back is against the wall
- Romantic hopeful
- Israel's main port
- Part of a New Year's Eve countdown
- Atop
- Shaped into a sphere
- Affront, in slang
- Religious ceremonies
- People who log into workstations
- What thespians do

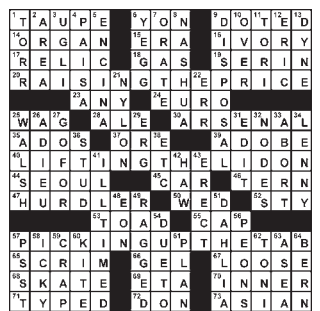
DOWN

- Easy house to put up
- "Desire Under the Elms" playwright O'Neill
- Put back on, as weight
- Eighth Greek letter
- Many an Asimov character
- Like some pedigreed dogs
- Chili con carne ingredient
- Icelandic poetry collection
- At full speed, at sea
- Sarajevo locale
- Put together, as a model
- The Who's "I Can ____ For Miles"
- Winter hrs. in Buffalo
- Not spread carefully
- Meditative word
- Words before "carte"
- Was a front-runner

- Supplementary feature
- A pal of Pooh
- Diamond ____ (country music group)
- "____ the thought!"
- Little amphibian
- Police officer, slangily
- "The One" played by Keanu
- A Middle Easterner
- Cleopatra's slayer
- Place for a shepherd
- Shoplift
- Copier of a manuscript
- Asian shrine
- Cuisine choice
- Abhor
- Brutish baddies
- Job seeker's success

- Sword lilies, for short
- "____ shalt not steal"
- Two in a row?
- Type of paint or party
- Cummerbund for a geisha

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1911 Harriet Quimby becomes the first woman to receive a U.S. pilot's certificate from the Aero Club of America. (Quimby was killed in a plane accident in July 1912 at age 37.)

1936 The Summer Olympics open in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

1981 The rock music video channel MTV makes its debut.

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VAGUE GOSSIP It Is a Nothing, Wrapped In a Mystery, Inside an Enigma

Tiffani Thiessen and Jennie Garth's friend breakup was Garth's fault, Thiessen sort-of told Howard Stern on his radio show Monday. The two met on the set of "Beverly Hills, 90210" and became close. "I

saw her give birth to her first child," Thiessen said. Then, at some point, "We had a falling out and we grew apart," she told Stern. "I was the one who was hurt, let's just say that. I was the one who was hurt." (EXPRESS)

BETTER MEANS OF REDEMPTION Or, You Could Pay to Build A Children's Hospital Ward

Dennis Rodman is releasing a children's picture book later this year, TMZ.com reported. "Dennis the Wild Bull" will, according to Wildbull.blog spot.com, "convey good lessons to children based on Dennis' own experiences as a world class athlete while overcoming obstacles as a child." Screenwriter Dustin Warburton is co-writing the book. (EXPRESS)



Hats like this are why you don't get invited to royal weddings, Dennis.



NEW GAME Is This Feminist? Find the Answer Below!

Lindsay Lohan asked the crew filming her topless for a sex scene in "The Canyons" to strip down to their underwear, according to TMZ.com. The 10-man crew eventually followed her instructions, and the scene was shot without issue. TMZ.com wrote that Lohan made the strange request because she was uncomfortable doing the nude scene. (EXPRESS)

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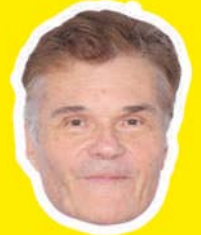
Kendall and Kylie in what will be looked back on as their "innocent stage."

HISTORY REPEATS

Paris and Nicky, 1995

Kylie and Kendall Jenner, half sisters of the Kardashian clan, are pitching a "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" spinoff starring themselves, they told Seventeen magazine. "We go on a lot of adventures!" said Kendall, 16. "We do crazy stuff. We will kidnap one of our friends or get a group together and go to Disneyland for the night." Kylie, 14, also told Seventeen that she and singer Cody Simpson are not dating, "just good friends." (EXPRESS)

Victims



'Wipeout' Reruns: The Ultimate Burn

ABC has pulled the last two episodes of Fred Willard's sketch show, "Trust Us With Your Life," two weeks after Willard's lewd conduct arrest at an adult movie theater. Reruns of ABC's "Wipeout" will replace the Tuesday show. The actor already had lost his job as narrator of the new PBS series "Market Warriors." (EXPRESS)

"I want to bury Snoop Dogg, and become Snoop Lion."



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